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## Letter to Hon. W.H. Sims, November 16, 1895

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Jackson, November 12,

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Hon. W. H. Sims, First Asst. Sec. Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Make no committal for Successor to Bob Allen before receiving my letter.

J. M. Stone.

November 12, 1896.

Hon. W. H. Sims,

First Assistant Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor:-

Referring to my telegram of this morning relative to the successor of R. H. Allen, I desire to say that, as you perhaps know before this reaches you, J. J. Conan has forwarded his application for appointment to fill the vacancy, and I shall be greatly indebted to you for anything you can do in his behalf. He is well qualified for the duties of the office, a man of integrity, industrious and attentive to his duties. As you are aware he is my brother-in-law, and is my private secretary, and besides his general fitness for the place, I of course, feel a personal interest in his appointment.

I fear that one Walter Ellis, of Idaho, the fellow who led up there last summer as the leader of the free silver crowd, as well as of the opposition to the administration, and to you and me, has forwarded his application, and I suppose expects the support of Mr. Allen and his close friends. I do not suppose there is the least danger of his appointment; it must not occur.

I wired the Honorable Secretary of the Interior warning him against Ellis, and have written him and the President in behalf of Mr. Conan.

Assuring you of a grateful appreciation of any assistance you may be willing to give in the premises,

I am sincerely your friend,

J. M. Stone.